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**Formal Complaint to the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission
Relating to an Elected Official or Candidate for Public Office**

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Name of Official or Candidate: James Oberst

Address of Official or Candidate: 321 W. White Rd

Official's or Candidate's Spokane WA 99234
City State Zip Code

Official's or Candidate's Telephone: 509-448-2339
(Include Area Code)

Official's or Candidate's E-Mail Address: N/A
(If known)

Your signature: Jeffrey P. Winwright

Your printed name: Jeffrey P. Winwright

Street address: 4910 W. Bridges Rd

City, state and zip code: Deer Park WA 99006

Telephone number: 509-963-4800

E-Mail Address: (Optional) _____

Date Signed: 10-6-05

Place Signed (City and County): Deer Park Spokane
City County

Complaint: (Attach Complaint and Certification)

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**Certification for a
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Elected Official or Candidate for Public Office
(Notary Not Required)**

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the facts set forth in this attached complaint are true and correct.

Your signature: Jeffrey P Wainwright

Your printed name: Jeffrey P Wainwright

Street address: 4910 W Bridges Rd

City, state and zip code: Deer Park WA 99006

Telephone number: 509-953-4800

E-Mail Address: (Optional) _____

Date Signed: 10-6-05

Place Signed (City and County): Deer Park Spokane
City County

*RCW 9A.72.040 provides that: "(1) A person is guilty of false swearing if he makes a false statement, which he knows to be false, under an oath required or authorized by law. (2) False swearing is a misdemeanor."

COMPLAINT ATTACHED

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Dear Mr. Stutzman,

I was in contact with your office and spoke with Tony. He was extremely helpful and informative regarding my problem and per our discussion I am writing this letter to you. I would like to file a formal complaint regarding Fire Commissioner Candidate James Oberst running in Spokane County Fire District 8.

Just prior to the Primary on September 20th he mailed out a campaign flyer to taxpayers with in the fire district urging them to vote for him. In this mailing are 2 photos one of which he is dressed in a district uniform. Per my conversation with Tony it would be a violation if...

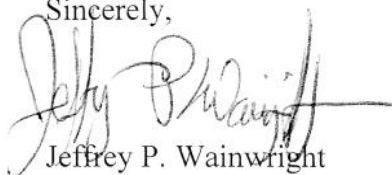
1. The photo is not the property of the district and can not be purchased, obtained, or made available by the district to the general public.
2. The uniform, uniform patch or the badge that was used in this photo was the property of the district and used for the "promotion of his own personal political gains".

I have been in contact with the fire district officials and they stated that the district was aware of the mailer as one of their stations received a copy in the mail. They assured me that the district did not take the picture nor did they own the picture. The district also stated that the uniform, uniform patch, and badge used in the picture was the property of the district. Mr. Oberst had it when he was a member of the fire department in years past but should have returned it when he left the firefighting ranks and went into there support services division. When I ask how they could be sure that this picture was not taken back when Mr. Oberst was a firefighter the answer given was as follows...

"In the picture Mr. Oberst has a beard and it is against regulation to have a beard while being a firefighter due to the interference of facial hair with the sealing of their air mask while fighting fires and Mr. Oberst did not have a beard when he was a firefighter". They went further to say that "Mr. Oberst only grew the beard after he went into support services where this was perfectly fine due to the fact that those members do not engage in firefighting activities". The district reassured me that they had no prior knowledge that the uniform was going to be used in the photo. They stated that not getting the uniform make was an oversight on there behalf.

Mr. Stutzman, it appears to me that both of the photos in this mailer where taken around the same time, most definitely after Mr. Oberst was a firefighter and for the specific purpose putting them in his mailer for his own political gain. I do not feel the district had any knowledge that their uniform was going to be used for this purpose and do not wish to see them get into trouble but I can not watch a candidate break the law while the others in the race do everything they can to stay within the guidelines set forth by the state. That being said I hope your office will launch a formal investigation into this matter. I have enclosed a copy of the mailer and if you have any further questions please feel free to call me at 509-953-4800 at any time.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey P. Wainwright

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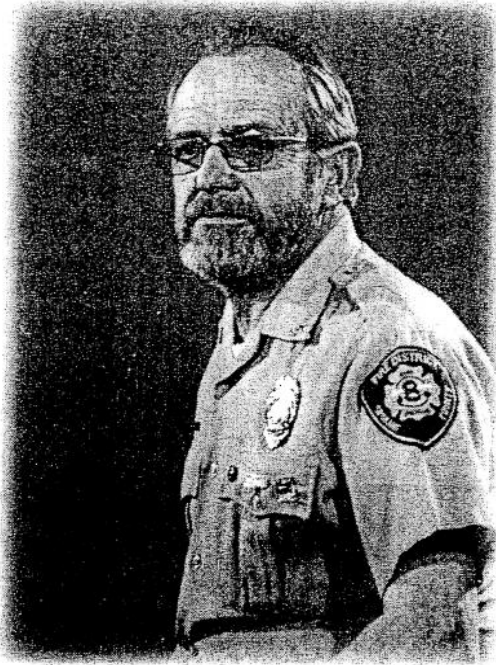
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**Vote For Years Of Experience
And A Life-Long District 8 Resident
In The September 20th Primary Election!**

**ELECT
James
OBERST**

**COMMISSIONER
SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE DIST. 8
RESPONSIBLE LEADERSHIP**



What I Intend To Do If Elected Commissioner:

- Opposed to the proposed levy lift **TAX INCREASE**. This is **NOT** a financial fix for the district but a temporary fix.
- I will carefully watch the annexation effort by the City of Spokane to make sure that the best interests of SCFD 8 are served.
- Keep a close eye on the Fire District finances, making sure district money is properly spent.
- Work to increase the number of volunteer firefighters to enhance the effectiveness of the combination fire fighting force.



Jim Oberst's devotion to training and recruitment of new volunteer firefighters will ensure a high level of protection for Fire District 8 residents.

James E. Oberst:

- Born: January 27, 1945 in Spangle, WA
- Moved onto Moran Prairie in 1950.
- Joined Spokane County Fire District 8 in 1966; Lieutenant 1973; Captain 1973; Battalion Chief 1975.
- Stepped down to support services in 1999.
- Directed Hangman Hills Fire and was an area commander for Firestorm.
- In the 39 years I was active with the SCFD 8, the district has grown from a two station volunteer district with no EMS, It is now a five-station volunteer/manned district with EMS and a high degree of technical equipment. I have worked at a local hospital for 29 years, as a Lead Clinical Engineer (Supervisor) for 14 years. Dee and I have 7 children and 15 grandchildren.



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Jim Oberst For SCFD 8
Fire Commissioner
321 White Rd.
Spokane, WA 99224

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